

I am a Commission-licensed Amateur Radio operator and my call sign is N2ATB. I have been reading information on the ARRL web site and in QST magazine regarding the proceeding before the Commission related to Broadband over Power Line (BPL). I have seen the video made by the ARRL showing tests conducted by Ed Hare, W1RFI, in various communities where BPL is being tested. The test results are extremely disturbing. Noise readings in the range of S9 and above (measured on the S-meter of an amateur radio transceiver) were consistently recorded over a wide range of frequencies. I have been an active Amateur Radio operator for over 25 years. In my opinion, and based upon these years of experience, I can say with confidence that noise signals of the type and strength measured by Mr. Hare would completely disrupt normal Amateur Radio communications, not to mention communications conducted during emergency drills and actual emergency situations. I strongly urge the Commission to reject the attempts of BPL proponents to pollute the radio spectrum with a technology that could potentially have such a devastating effect.